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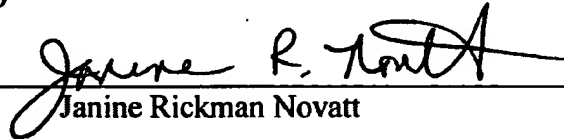
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-
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Dear Sir:

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This Amendment is in response to the June 13, 2005 Final Office Action concerning the above-identified application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the attached amendments and following remarks are courteously requested. The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for speaking with her on September 12, 2005 regarding some of the proposed Amendments. Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2, Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 with the Remarks beginning on page 4 of this Reply.

Please amend the subject patent application as follows: